

**Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary**

Application No.

10/630,445

Applicant(s)

FERREE, BRET A.

Examiner

(Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho

Art Unit

3731

**All Participants:**(1) (Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho.(2) John Kappos.**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Interview:** 12 April 2007**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

None

Claims discussed:

85 and 99

Prior art documents discussed:

None

**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.  
(Examiner/SPE Signature)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner suggests applicant to tie the limitation "prevent escape of nucleus pulposus through the defect" to a step of the method. Applicant agrees to insert the limitation "to prevent escape of nucleus pulposus through the defect" to "expanding step." See examiner's amendment for detail.